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Racecourse and the Restricted Area in the West Section of the Heilanstalt Wuhlgarten

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REMARKS

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1. On 26 September 1953, the cantonment in Wuhlheide, south of the Karlshorst racecourse, was occupied beyond capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. [redacted] the economic buildings were also occupied by troops. Eight field kitchens were in the billeting area and tables for 500 to 600 men were seen in the open, north of the camp. [redacted] Troops were repeatedly seen leaving the quartering area for fatigue duty in the west section of the cantonment. In late August, the west section of the cantonment was occupied by the troops previously stationed near the waterworks in Wuhlheide. This new quartering area was extended as far as Karlshorster Chaussee. The fence was being completed. The main entrance was on Schwarzer Weg. About 40 to 50 camouflaged T-34/85 tanks, organized in 2 lines, 2 T-34 tank hulls, 2 BA-64 armored scout cars, 6 x 76-mm field guns and about 200 vehicles were seen in this quartering area. Between 19 and 26 September, about 200 troops were erecting one-story buildings in the west section of the cantonment. The bare brick work of about seven of these buildings had been completed in the meadow in the woods. A board fence was being erected between the racecourse and the camp. Boards and beams were being shipped to the construction site. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the camp [redacted]
2. The former quartering area in the Wuhlheide was no longer blocked and guarded by sentries after 2 September. About 10 tank trucks were seen about 200 meters northeast of the waterworks. The one-story temporary buildings were being dismantled.
3. On 28 September, the cantonment in the Wuhlheide, south of the Karlshorst racecourse, was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. The construction of one-story temporary quartering buildings continued in the south and west sections of the cantonment. About 200 to 300 men were working on timber in the west section. Other troops engaged in excavating work, which was also performed near the vehicle parking lot. [redacted] On 14 September, about 6 tank trucks with trailers were still observed near the waterworks in the Wuhlheide.

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4. On 21 September, the restricted area in the west section of the Heilanstalt (insane asylum) in the Wuhlheide, east and south of the Wuhlgarten cemetery, was being surrounded by a high board fence. About 50 canvas-covered T-34/35 tanks as well as an ammunition and fuel depot with 15 tank trucks towing trailers were seen inside the fence. Thirty to 40 trucks were seen at a motor vehicle parking lot just south of the cemetery. The main entrance of the fenced-in area was about 200 meters south of the cemetery.

5. On 23 September, [] tank obstacles, including pits, 3 to 4 meters wide, 6 to 8 meters long and 1.5 to 2 meters deep, and mounds, about 1.5 to 2 meters high, were in the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlheide Heilanstalt. T-43 tanks [] and JCH-152 mm [] were seen clearing the obstacles. Motor vehicles [] were seen en route to the quartering area.

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6. On 19 September, [] the ammunition depot in the restricted area in the west section of the Heilanstalt Wuhlheide was being covered by tarpaulins. The fuel depot was being refilled about 15 percent. [] the number of 200-liter barrels there at 75 to 100 barrels. A board fence, 2 meters high, had been erected during the last days and three wooden sheds had been constructed. Several obstacles had been prepared in the tank training area and the area had been surrounded by blue-white poles.

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7. On 19 September, the cantonment south of the Karlshorst racecourse was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [] the camp was being occupied by units previously stationed in the camp near the Wuhlheide waterworks. The fuel spot at the waterworks was dissolved.

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8. On 26 September, the cantonment south of the Karlshorst racecourse was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 15 civilian workers engaged in the construction of a fourth shed about 15 x 50 meters, in a meadow in the area of the installation. Motor vehicles [] were seen en route to and from the quartering area.

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9. On 24 September, [] a tank training area, about 150 meters wide, extending from north to south and including a fivegate obstacle course staked up with blue-white poles, 2 meters high; 2 gates, a tipping hill and a sand ditch. T-34 tanks [] were seen in the training area. Trunk [] was seen leaving the quartering area.

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Comment. In late September, the Wuhlheide cantonment and the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt can be carried occupied as previously by units of the 7th Gds Reez Div and the 6th Gds Iecz Div respectively. [] The construction of new quartering buildings had apparently not been completed during the period under review. From the construction work, it can be concluded that Soviet troops will continue to be stationed in this area.

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